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1. REFTTEL RECOMMENDED THAT POLOFF/NCO BROD BE DESIGNATED AS ESCORT OFFICER FOR GENERAL MUSTAFA AL-SHEIKH. IT NOT IN ANY SENSE OUR WISH TO EXCLUDE DEA AS FULL PARTICIPANT. WE WISH POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT NARCOTICS MATTERS ARE ONLY ONE ASPECT OF AL-SHEIKH'S OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES AS SENIOR GOE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY. OUR INTEREST IN HIM THEREFORE EXTENDS BEYOND NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION. AL-SHEIKH'S VISIT PRESENTS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY WE WOULD NOT NORMALLY HAVE FOR CREATING A HELPFUL PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH A KEY INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL. THIS ALONE, IN OUR VIEW, JUSTIFIES RECOMMENDATION.

2. PARTICIPATION WOULD ALSO GIVE NCO BROD USEFUL EXPERIENCE FOR HIS LIAISON ACTIVITIES IN CAIRO AS WELL AS COMPARATIVE BASIS FOR EVALUATION OF EGYPTIAN ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.
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